

Carr’s return to the Saints is horrendous as he loses top target, game and coach

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Derek Carr’s return to the New Orleans Saints’ starting lineup couldn’t have gone much worse.

He lost his top target to a concussion when his pass over the middle sailed over his receiver. He lost to the worst team in the league and he became the first NFL quarterback to lose to 31 teams.

A day later, he lost his head coach.

These are not the Saints of Sean Payton and Drew Brees, to be sure. But Carr and Dennis Allen expeditiously raised hopes of parading another Lombardi Trophy down Bourbon Street when the Saints totaled 91 points in back-to-back blowouts of Carolina and Dallas to start the season.

They scored on their first nine possessions in a 47-10 rout of the Panthers in the opener, then topped that a week later at Jerry World when they reached the end zone on their first half-dozen drives in a 44-19 jaw-dropper against the Cowboys.

Those were heady times — and, as it turned out, fleeting.

The Saints have lost seven straight games since Week 2 amid a flurry of injuries, including a strained oblique that sent Carr to the sideline for three weeks.

Four of those losses were by double digits, among them a 33-10 Thursday night whooping from Payton and his new team, the resurgent Denver Broncos.

The costliest loss was the Saints’ 23-22 defeat in Charlotte on Sunday when Carr couldn’t lead his team into field-goal range in the final minute and the Saints left town with the same 2-7 record as the Panthers, a team that’s statistically dreadful and historically bad.

So, Dennis Allen, who was previously fired by the then-Oakland Raiders in 2014, on Monday became the first coach in NFL history fired twice with the same quarterback starting both teams.

In a written statement released by the team, Allen thanked team owner Gayle Benson and GM Mickey Loomis for his opportunity and said, “I am sorry the results weren’t better, because they were certainly deserved.”

Allen is the second NFL coach fired midseason in 2024. Jeff Ulbrich replaced Robert Saleh as interim coach after the Jets’ 2-3 start and it took him a month to get his first victory.

The caretaker in New Orleans is Darren Rizzi, who gets the Browns (2-7) at home in two weeks and the Giants (2-7) on the road in four, but he inherited a beat-up team and a quarterback who was eviscerated by former teammate Michael Thomas on social media after wide receiver Chris Olave’s concussion Sunday.

As he cut across the middle and reached for Carr’s errant pass, Olave was sandwiched by safety Xavier Woods and cornerback Dane Jackson. While Woods was flagged for unnecessary roughness, Olave remained on the field for several minutes being attended to by trainers as the crowd went silent and players from both teams gathered around him. He was eventually placed on a backboard and taken to a hospital by ambulance.

Thomas immediately castigated Carr on social media, saying Carr tends to “just panic and throw the ball.” He also reposted another mes-

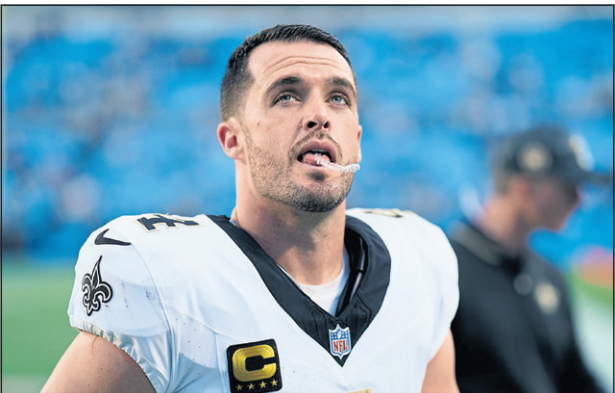
sage on X that suggested Carr should be fined for throwing a “hospital pass.”

Carr spoke for more than four minutes about Thomas’ comments after the game.

“I have a pit in my stomach any time one of my teammates goes down because I love them that much,” Carr said. “No matter if I like them or not, and I happen to love Chris Olave. We have a great relationship. I hate, and I don’t like to use that word a lot, but I hate moments like that.”

Carr said Thomas, who has criticized Carr on social media before, seems to be the one teammate who hasn’t gotten along with him in the NFL.

“I don’t know what I did to him,” Carr said. “I don’t know why he feels that way. I’m sorry for whatever he’s dealing with to make him feel like he’s got to do that. But he’s never called me during all of this. My phone number has never changed. I’ve in fact called him on different occasions just to try. Sometimes, you can try as hard as you want and it doesn’t work out. And that’s OK. ... But I wish him the best. I hope he gets on a team and does what he wants to do and loves it.”



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